(*See* Appendix 198, Annexure No. 8). The total State-wise sanctions by All India Financial Institutions from March, 1995 till March, 2001 (latest available) is given in Annexure (*See* Appendix 198, Annexure No. 8).

(b) Scheduled commercial banks extend credit to priority sector which *inter-alia* includes scheduled castes/scheduled tribes. The State-wise details of priority sector credit by scheduled commercial banks and share of SC/ST for the last six years ending March, 2001 (latest available) is given in Annexure (*See* Appendix 198, Annexure No. 8). However, the financial institutions extend assistance to all industries without any restriction regarding constitution of an industrial concern and individuals comprising it.

Retirement of CMDs of Banks

1259. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CMDs of the Bank of India and Allahabad Bank will be retiring in near future;

(b) if so, whether the process of the selection of their successors has been initiated; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that selected candidates are placed in position immediately after the retirement of the present incumbents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) The CMD, Allahabad Bank and Bank of India are retiring on 31.3.2003 and 31.5.2003 respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) All efforts are being made to do so. The process of selection of successors has been started well in advance.

Certification of professional competence for market intermediaries

1260. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state: